

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-3939-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 24.01.2024

Jagjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Arshdeep Singh Brar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner assails order dated 31.7.2014 vide which the petitioner was declared a 'proclaimed offender' in respect of FIR No.307, dated 17.10.2008, Police Station Baghapurana, District Moga, under Section 25 of Arms Act.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the aforesaid FIR registered under the Arms Act with respect to alleged recovery of a country made pistol when the petitioner was apprehended in connection with FIR No.298, dated 10.10.2008, Police Station Baghapurana, under Sections 382, 365, 34 IPC. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner had been regularly appearing in the trial arising out of FIR No.298 wherein he was ultimately acquitted vide judgment dated 31.8.2016. It has further been submitted that the petitioner somehow was never aware that a separate FIR has been lodged with respect to the recovery of pistol. It has further been submitted that although the impugned order was passed in the year 2014, but interestingly it is only in the year 2016 that he was acquitted with respect to the other FIR and it is highly unlikely that the police would not have known about his whereabouts

although he was regularly attending the Court during this period. Learned counsel however, submits that at this stage he is willing to surrender before the trial Court and move an application for grant of bail and would be satisfied in case some direction is issued to the trial Court to dispose of his bail application expeditiously.

- 3. In view of the aforesaid submission, the present petition is disposed of as withdrawn with liberty to the petitioner to surrender before the trial Court and move an application for grant of regular bail.
- 4. In case, the petitioner surrenders before the trial Court within a period of two weeks from today and moves application seeking grant of regular bail, the learned trial Court shall consider the same in accordance with law and while taking into account all the relevant facts including the facts as noted above and dispose of the same expeditiously.

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No